

New Abbot blessed.

For the third time within the space of nine years the *Advocate* chronicles the blessing of a new Abbot. The two former ones were Frenchmen, the present incumbent is an American: Rt. Reverend D. Bernard Murphy, O. S. B., a pioneer of the Abbey over which he now presides.

Dignitaries of the Church from all points of the Southwest were in attendance, 2 Bishops, 4 prelates and over 30 priests. Over one hundred people came from Krebs, South Mc Alester and Shawnee. Texas, Kansas and Arkansas also sent their contingent.

Promptly at 9 o'clock the services began with Pontifical High Mass. Rt. Rev. Bishop Meerchaert was the Celebrant. His Assistant priest was Mgr. J. Metter, Deacon- Fr. G. Dupreitre, Sub deacon: Fr. F. Schaaf, Deacons of honor: Mgr. F. Kraemer and K. T. Crowley. Revs. DD, Constantine and Linus were Masters of the Ceremonies.

Chaplains to Rt. Rev. Bishop Hennessy of Wichita were Revs. Jos. P. Doyle and Wm. J. Glynn. The chaplains to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast were Frs. Meinrad and Hildebrand O. S. B. The Assistants to the Abbot elect were Rt. Rev. F. Innocent Wolf of Atchison, Kans. and Rt. Frowin Conrad of Conception, Mo.

Acolytes: Paul Smith and Claude Wichulis; Thurifer: D. Charles, O. S. B. Candle-bearer: Wm. F. O'Keefe; book-bearer: G. Mulcahy; Crozier: Peter Cartwright, Mitre: Julius Petzhold. Rev. D. Raphael, O. S. B. presided at the organ and Fathers Blaise and Hildephonse were *cantores*. V. Rev. Fr. J. F. O'Connor S. J. of Shreveport, La. delivered the oration on "The priesthood and monasticism." After Mass the new Abbot was given the insignia of his office and he came forth, blessing the people, wearing the mitre, ring, crozier and pectoral cross. The service being ended the local sisters, helped by the ladies of the neighborhood gave an elaborate dinner to all the visitors.

The following were the visiting prelates and clergy.

Rt. Rev. Theo. Meerchaert, DD., Vicar Apostolic of Indian Territory. Rt. Rev. John J. Hennessy, DD., Bishop of Wichita, Kans. Rt. Rev. Boniface Natter O. S. B. Abbot of Buckfast, England. Rt. Rev. Innocent Wolf, O. S. B., Abbot of Atchison, Kans. Rt. Rev. Frowin Conrad, O. S. B. Abbot of Conception, Mo. Monsignor John Metter, Rector of St. Joseph's Church, Norman, Okla. Monsignor Fintan Kraemer, O. S. B. V. G. of Little Rock; Ark. Ven. Fr. Bonaventura O. S. B. Rector of Lindsay, Tex. Revs. G. Dupreitre, Enid; F. Schaaf, Hartshorne; Leo Huebscher,

on April 13th